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ABSTRACT

Observing and reflecting upon actual interactions between professionals and families in a variety of settings can be a valuable tool in training professionals, who work with young children and their families. This 65-minute videotape presents five 10-minute segments of interactions between professionals and families: (1) occupational therapist's home visit with a child with special needs; (2) morning drop-off at a child care center; (3) supervision; (4) home visit with a Spanish-speaking family (in Spanish); and (5) an Early Head Start home visit. While the vignettes portray varied services, the overarching focus is on the relationship between the provider and the family. Following each vignette are on-screen discussion questions to help staff hone observation skills and connect observations to their own work, a discussion among Zero to Three colleagues focusing on the practice issues raised, and additional on-screen questions to spark dialogue among viewers. A booklet accompanying the videotapes describes the video components, provides suggestions for using the videotape in professional development, and reproduces the reflection and discussion questions for each vignette. (KB)

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